

Application No. 10/781,412
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Docket No. 1232-5294

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-39 are pending in this application. Claim 1-38 are allowed. Claim 39 stand rejected. By this amendment, rejected claim 39 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Minor Informality Noted

The Examiner indicated minor informalities in claims 37 and 38, i.e., the "pan" in claim 37 should be --part--, and "the optical element" and "collect" in claim 38 should be --an optical element-- and --correct--, respectively.

As indicated above, claims 37 and 38 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 39 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,700,715 to Sorg et al. ("Sorg"). Claim 39 has been further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,411,426 to Meehan et al. ("Meehan").

As indicated above, claim 39 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer rendering the rejections directed to this claim moot.

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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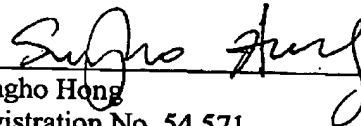
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